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MEMORANDUM for the Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff.

Subject: Disclosure of Military Information to Foreign Governments.

1. Attention is invited to State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee (SWNCC) papers enclosed herewith dealing with the above subject.

2. The question has been raised informally by the Chief of the Policy Section, Plans and Operations Division, WDSS concerning the CIG responsibility in connection with the activities of the SWNCC Sub-committee for Military Information Control. One development in this respect, as outlined in SWNCC 206/20, is the invitation by Mr. Peterson, War member of SWNCC, for a non-voting CIG representative on the sub-committee for Military Information Control. The Director of Central Intelligence favors CIG representation but does not desire to make a major issue of the question concerning voting membership at this time. As SWNCC is composed of the three (3) Secretaries (State, War, and Navy) and their representatives, it has been the practice to constitute sub-committees with voting privileges from only representatives of the three (3) departments concerned.

3. The Director desires that the enclosed papers be studied and recommendations submitted to determine (a) the extent of CIG responsibilities in connection with the disclosure of military information to foreign governments, (b) the advisability of CIG assuming full responsibility for the coordination of this government activity, and (c) the selection of and instructions to the potential CIG representative on the SWNCC sub-committee for military information control.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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1. SWNCC 206/9, 31 Jan. 46, Subj: Disclosure of Military Information.
2. SWNCC 206/10, 28 Feb. 46, Subj: Disclosure of Military Information to Foreign Governments.
3. SWNCC 206/15, 16 May 46, Subj: "Review of CCS Policies and Procedures governing Disclosure of classified military information to other nations.

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4. SWNCC 206/16, 23 May 46, Subj: Disclosure of classified military information to foreign governments and their nationals.
5. SWNCC 206/18, 10 July 46, Subj: Functions of the SWNCC subcommittee for military information control.
6. SWNCC 206/19, 18 July 46, Subj: Functions of SWNCC subcommittee for military information control.
7. SWNCC 206/20, 7 August 46, Subj: Functions of the SWNCC subcommittee for Military information control. w/memo to Exec. Dir, CIG.